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1) 又	Responsive to communication(s) filed on <u>05 M</u>	larch 2007.					
	This action is FINAL . 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.						
3)	Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is						
,	closed in accordance with the practice under <i>Ex parte Quayle</i> , 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.						
Disposition of Claims							
4) 🖂	4)⊠ Claim(s) <u>1-9</u> is/are pending in the application.						
	4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdrawn from consideration.						
	5) Claim(s) is/are allowed.						
	6) Claim(s) is/are rejected.						
	Claim(s) <u>1-9</u> is/are objected to.						
8)	Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/o	r election requirement.	·				
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9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.							
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Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d). 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.							
	inder 35 U.S.C. § 119						
12)⊠ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). a)⊠ All b)□ Some * c)□ None of:							
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	2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No						
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage							
application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).							
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.							
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DETAILED ACTION

1. The amendments to the claims and the specification along with the arguments have been entered on 3/5/2007.

Specification

2. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: on page 3, paragraph 17 the applicant is stating "the support bracket 2" and paragraph 18 stating "support 2." The disclosure needs to be consistent throughout.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

- 3. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:
 - The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.
- 4. Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. Claim 1, line 20 cites "a tubular passage formed on the interior". It was not disclosed in the original claims or the specification.

Claims 2-9 are rejected under dependency of claim 1.

5. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

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The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

6. Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Re claim 1, the applicant cites "front side toward the direction in which the bag tilts" in line 2 of claim 1, it could be interpreted by one of the ordinary skill in the art that the bag can tilt in any of the 360 degrees and therefore making it indefinite. Further lines 9-11 cites "lower frame at the front side of the bag body, the engaging body having a retainer projection extending outward from the bag body and a release projection extending outward from the bag body". The claim language is unclear as to where exactly the retainer projection and the release projection are located, it is suggested to be "the engaging body having a retainer projection extending outward from the lower frame of the bag body and a release projection extending outward from the lower frame of the bag body".

Claims 2-9 are rejected under dependency of claim 1.

Allowable Subject Matter

- 7. Claims 1-9 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 1st and 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.
- 8. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: applicant has amended the claims to be patentably distinct over the prior art. The prior art does not disclose nor

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teach the combination of elements according to claim 1 of a golf bag comprising of an engaging body, a tilt control body, a moveable release shank disposed interior of the tilt control body in controlling the support and the tilt control body in relation to the engaging body. The closest prior art (Rhee U.S. 6,390,295) teaches of a sectional golf bag with plurality of support rods, a joint block for stably coupling the base frame to the bottom frame, a tilting device, wherein the tilting device comprises a fix leg and a pair of steel wires extending therefrom. Lee (US 5,597,144) teaches of a golf bag stand with similar structure except where the retainer means is attached by a resilient means secured onto the bag.

Response to Arguments

9. Applicant's arguments, see page 2-4, filed 3/5/2007, with respect to claims 1-9 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 1-9 has been withdrawn.

Conclusion

10. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event,

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however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kang Hu whose telephone number is (571)270-1344. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-5 (Mon-Thu).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Pezzuto can be reached on 571-272-6996. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/KH/ Kang Hu June 5, 2007

> Robert E Pezzuto Supervisory Patent Examiner Art Unit 3714





